Royalty paid by oil companies

2223. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of taxes, duties, cess and dividend paid by the public sector oil companies to the Central Government during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(b) the details of royalty and taxes paid to the State Government by the Oil PSUs during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The details of taxes, duties, cess and dividend paid by the major public sector oil companies to the Central Government during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are Rs. 65,259 crore, Rs. 70,734 crore and Rs. 75,731 crore respectively.

(b) The details of royalty and taxes paid to the State Government by the major Oil PSUs during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are Rs. 99,081 crore, Rs. 1,13,099 crore and Rs. 1,25,248 crore respectively.

Task force on Paradip refinery project

2224. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have assured that the Paradip refinery-cum-petro-chemical complex would be ready by 2010-11;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a joint monitoring high level task force is proposed to be set up to monitor the progress; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Considering the complexity of the refinery project and the multifold increase in the investment as well as quantum of work together with current delivery schedules of major equipment and materials, Mechanical Completion of the Paradip refinery and petrochemicals project is expected to be by April, 2011.

(c) and (d) In addition to constant monitoring and follow-up by concerned senior officers, the progress of the Paradip Refinery and Petrochemicals project is being monitored on a monthly basis at the levels of Executives Director/Director (Refineries), Corporate Management Committee/Board of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

Policy on new CNG stations

2225. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS BAL* APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Government are opening CNG filling stations without seeking approval from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have the powers to set up CNG filling stations;

(d) if not, whether the Central Government are contemplating formulation of any gas distribution policy;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Central Government has sought suggestions from the State Government in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some State Governments, namely, Gujarat, Haryana, U.P. and Rajasthan have authorized setting up of City Gas Distribution projects or have initiated